

HERITAGE RESOURCES

Goals

Cultural Resources. Preserve and protect the historic, prehistoric, and archaeological resources of Alaska in accordance with the Alaska Historic Preservation Act.

Natural History and Scientific Resources. Preserve and protect areas with important natural history, scientific, and research values.

Cooperation and Input. Solicit input and cooperate with concerned agencies, groups, and individuals when considering heritage resource surveys or development projects.

Management Guidelines

A. Heritage Resource Identification. Identify and determine the significance of all cultural resources on state land through:

1. Review of the Alaska Heritage Resource Survey (AHRS) maps and files maintained by the State Office of History and Archaeology. The AHRS is the statewide listing of all historic, prehistoric, and paleontological sites in the state, including most ANCSA 14(h)1 sites.
2. Surveys conducted by the Department of Natural Resources personnel.
3. Encouraging research about heritage resources on state lands by qualified individuals and organizations.
4. Cooperative efforts for planned surveys/inventories between state, federal, local, and Native groups listed in Appendix B.

B. Heritage Resource Protection. Protect significant heritage resources by:

1. Reviewing proposed construction projects or land uses for potential conflict with heritage resources.

2. Recognizing the importance of cultural resource sites to the region, and cooperating with concerned government agencies, statewide or local groups, and individuals listed in Appendix B to develop guidelines and recommendations on how to avoid or mitigate identified or potential conflicts.

3. Where feasible and prudent, conducting heritage resource surveys or inventories prior to the design of land offerings in the areas the state Office of History and Archaeology determines have potential to contain important heritage sites and for which existing information is inadequate to identify and protect those sites.

4. Consulting with affected communities and non-profit corporations, prior to the removal of any artifacts, and maintaining consistency with coastal management programs, in addition to requirements of AS 41.35.

C. Other Guidelines Affecting Heritage Resources. Several other guidelines may affect heritage resource management practices. See the following sections of this chapter:

- Coordination and public notice
- Fish and wildlife habitat
- Forestry
- Lakeshore management
- Public access
- Settlement
- Stream corridors and instream flow
- Subsistence activities and traditional uses
- Trail management
- Wetlands management